(b) if not, the steps being taken to market these products globally?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Orders for the development of Radar Computer-I & Radar Computer-II and their software for fitment on SU-30 aircraft received from Malaysia; upgradation of display processor for SU-30 MK(A) aircraft received from Algeria; and development of six numbers of Airborne Antennas also received from Poland. Two numbers of Battle Field Surveillance Radar-S2 have been supplied to Indonesia.

To enhance global marketing of its products, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been regularly participating in important exhibitions organized at national and international levels. During the past DRDO has participated in DEFEXPO India, Aeroindia, India International Trade Fair, Asean Aerospace & Defence Exhibition, Defence Service Asia, Africa Aerospace & Defence Exhibition, Indian Science Congress, Latin America Aero Defence, Defence Systems and Equipment International, etc. from time-to-time.

Nexus of terrorist organisations at international level

†*113. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorist organisations have nexus at international level to make their plan in order to create terror in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the names of the organisations which have been identified for creating violence in the country through international nexus, till now; and

(d) the names of overseas Governments alongwith details of concrete action taken by our Government with them in order to stop activities of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Available information and reports indicate that most individuals and groups indulging in terriorist activities in India, have close links with terrorist groups and agencies across the border, mainly in Pakistan/PoK. The main groups involved in terrorist activities and incidents in India, and have international networks, are the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Harkat-ul-Jihad-e-Islami (HUJI), Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, etc.

The security and intelligence agencies closely monitor the activities of such groups and networks, and relevant information and inputs in this regard are also being regularly shared with the State Governments. Close Vigilance and Surveillance is being maintained on the borders to check and control possible infiltration of terrorist elements into the country. Other measures taken in this regard, include border fencing/floodlighting and strengthening of arrangements for coastal security.

Further, given the external imperatives of terrorist activities and violence in various parts of the country, action is also being taken at the international level through bilateral and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

multi-lateral cooperation to check and counter terrorism and several institutional mechanisms have been developed towards this end. These, *inter-alia*, include Home Secretary Level Talks with Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan, Joint Working Groups (JWGs) on Counter Terrorism with 25 countries and 2 regional groups *viz.* European Union (EU) and The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economical Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Agreements on Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) in criminal matters with 22 countries, and Extradition Treaties with 26 countries.

Further, India is an active member of the Global Coalition against terrorism and it is a signatory to all UN Security Council Resolutions on counter terrorism and is an active partner in all UN measures to combat the menace of Global Terrorism.

Telephone tapping

*114. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that selective category of persons are being subjected to telephone tapping across the country;

(b) if so, even the politicians who are mainly senior functionaries of the opposition party are being subjected to telephone tapping;

(c) if so, the reasons for this type of phone tapping exercises undertaken across the country; and

(d) the basis on which the people are selected for this type of telephone tapping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and the rules made thereunder, the Union Home Secretary in the Government of India and the Secretary, in-charge of Home Department in the case of State Governments can allow interception of messages in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order and for preventing incitement to the commission of an offence. There is a strict legal and administrative regime to ensure that this power is exercised only as per the said provision.

Hike in cement prices

*115. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of cement in the country has been affected and its prices have gone up recently;

(b) if so, the increase in the prices of cement registered during the last one year, month-wise, and the impact thereof on the construction industry;

(c) whether the Builders Association of India has protested by announcing stoppage of construction activity in the country against unfair business practices of cement manufactures; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against cement manufacturers and the steps taken by Government to bring down the prices of cement?